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COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

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ANNUAL REPORT

1944

To the Chairman and Members of the

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1944.

Section A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Total Area of the District is 103,775 acres.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 1944: 18,060.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1944) according to Rate Books: 5,740.

Rateable Value of the District amounts to £216,116.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £872 10s. 10d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	TOTAL.	Male.	Female.
Live Births—Legitimate	275	151	124
„ „ —Illegitimate	16	10	6

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population: 16.1.

„ „ (R.G. England and Wales): 17.6.

Still Births—Legitimate	6	1	5
„ „ —Illegitimate	—	—	—

Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births: 20.2.

Deaths from all Causes	201	107	94
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Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 11.1.

„ „ (R.G. England and Wales): 11.6.

There were no deaths from Puerperal causes during the year.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births: 0.

Death Rates of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 51.5.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 50.9.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 62.5.

These are represented by a total of 15 deaths: 10 males and 5 females; Legitimate, 14; Illegitimate, 1.

There was one death from Measles.

There were no deaths from Diphtheria, two from Whooping Cough, one from Diarrhoea under two years, and none from Scarlet Fever.

No unusual or excessive mortality occurred during the year.

No case of Small Pox has occurred.

**Section B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA.**

1. (i) **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.**

Comprise:—

One Medical Officer of Health (Joint Appointment).

One Chief Sanitary Inspector and two additional qualified Inspectors, one of whom is absent on military service.

This Department also deals with all new buildings, water supplies, sewage disposal, meat inspection, etc.

(ii) (a) **LABORATORY FACILITIES.**

All pathological and bacteriological investigations are conducted at Derby in the County Laboratories.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is supplied gratuitously in necessitous cases.

(b) **AMBULANCE FACILITIES.**

Cases of Infectious Disease are removed by the Motor Ambulance to the High Peak Hospital, Chinley, whilst the Red Cross Ambulance, together with an ambulance maintained by Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, serve for non-infectious and accident cases. The Boroughs of Buxton and Glossop also possess Motor Ambulances.

(c) **NURSING IN THE HOME.**

No provision is made for home nursing of Infectious Diseases. In most instances cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital at Chinley.

(d) **CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.**

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres: 1 Chapel-en-le-Frith and 1 Hayfield.

Day Nurseries: None.

School Clinics: 1 Chinley.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries: 1 Chinley, Consultation and treatment provided by the County Council.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases: None.

The Institution at Chinley is utilised by the County Council for school work and Tuberculosis.

(e) **HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL
AUTHORITY OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

1. Tuberculosis: Administered by the County Council.
2. Maternity: None.
3. Children: None.
4. Fever: High Peak Hospital. This comes under a Joint Scheme and serves Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural, Whaley Bridge and New Mills Urban Districts.
5. Small Pox: This is treated, when it arises, in an isolated part of the Hospital.
6. Other: None.

The following Hospitals outside the District are available:—

Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Salford Royal Infirmary.

Sheffield Royal Infirmary.

Stockport Royal Infirmary.

Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.

Buxton and District Hospital.

Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, for Rheumatism and Allied Diseases.

The County Council undertake the administration and investigation of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, other than The Elms, Chapel-en-le-Frith (Public Assistance Institution).

No institutional provision for the care of mental defectives exists in the area.

District Nurses are maintained by the District Nursing Associations and are stationed at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Bamford, Hartington Upper Quarter, Chinley and Charlesworth. These nurses visit the homes and render excellent service. In many instances they do much of the Midwifery work.

One Medical Officer of Health and four Medical Practitioners act as District Medical Officers under the Poor Law Acts and as District Vaccinators, and one Medical Practitioner acts as Medical Superintendent for the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Section C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER SUPPLY.

The sources of supply are Upland Surface Water and Springs. Generally speaking, the larger communities are provided with a constant supply of excellent water from the reservoirs, not readily polluted. There are, however, parts of the District where water supply has caused much anxiety for many years.

PEAK FOREST.

In spite of many efforts, no progress has been made in improving the water supply of this village.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewerage Schemes exist in the following areas:—

Bamford.

Castleton.

Chinley and Buxworth.

Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Dove Holes.

Hope.

Hayfield.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

BLACKBROOK. This flowing through Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth, and on whose banks are erected Bleaching and Dyeing Works, is liable to pollution by the effluents.

RIVER GOYT. Is similarly apt to be polluted.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Constant endeavour is made to replace old insanitary types by the water carriage system.

15 Privies have been abolished during the year.

17 New Water Closets have been fixed.

0 Cesspools were repaired or cleansed.

(ii) **SCAVENGING.**

In the following Parishes Scavenging is carried out by the Council:—

Castleton.

Bamford.

Edale, Hope, Derwent, Brough, Shatton, Aston and Thornhill.

Chapel-en-le-Frith (including Dove Holes).

Chinley and Buxworth.

Hayfield.

Charlesworth.

All the refuse, whether from dustbins, ashpits, earth closets or privies, is removed to the tips.

(iii) **SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.**

12 Houses were inspected under the Housing Acts.

15 Informal Notices were served.

45 Statutory Notices were served.

47 Notices were complied with.

(iv) **SHOPS.**

It was not found necessary to take any proceedings under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

(v) **SMOKE ABATEMENT.**

Nuisance from smoke has several times been discussed, but it was felt that interference was not justified.

A certain amount is inevitable in the industries of the neighbourhood, namely: lime burning.

(vi) **SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.**

There are three swimming baths in the area, all privately owned.

(vii) **ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.**

No occasion has arisen for action to be taken by the Local Authority for the eradication of bed-bugs.

4. SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is on the whole good.

Nineteen of the Schools in the area are provided with Water Closets. Nine have pails or privies.

WATER. With the exception of Brandside, King Sterndale and Peak Forest, all the Schools in the area have public supply.

Disinfection of Schools has been carried out in 41 instances.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

There are no offensive trades.

There are no underground sleeping rooms.

Section D.—HOUSING.

The Sanitary Inspector acts also as Building Surveyor.

Number of new Houses for which plans were approved during the year

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	17
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	42
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	4
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	16
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	16

Section E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

A. MILK SUPPLY.

Most of the milk produced in this area is sent to the larger towns, where it is examined by the authority to which it is consigned.

B. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat destroyed as unfit for consumption (sausages, tinned pork and ham: 159 lbs.

72 tins Milk.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Shortly after the commencement of the War the Ministry of Food decided to centralise the slaughter of animals for human consumption. All private slaughterhouses were thereupon closed and arrangements were made for killing in one establishment. It may well be that this foreshadows what many authorities have long advocated—the public abattoir wherein all meat will be prepared for food, and the imposition of heavy penalties for illegal slaughtering.

Section F.—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

No cases of Malaria, Dysentery, or Trench Fever have been notified. No cases have occurred of locally contracted Anthrax or Psittacosis.

No case of Encephalitis Lethargica has occurred. There is no institutional treatment of after-cases of Encephalitis Lethargica.

The majority of Cases of Infectious Disease are removed to the Isolation Hospital.

There was no vaccination or re-vaccination under the Public Health Act, 1927. (Small Pox prevention.)

There are no facilities for the cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons.

Disinfection of premises or articles which have been exposed to infection is carried out systematically.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1944

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles	21	0	0
Whooping Cough	4	0	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	43	40	0
Diphtheria	6	6	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	0
Pneumonia	5	0	11
Erysipelas	4	0	0
Ophthalmic Neonatorum	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	0
Dysentery	4	0	0

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES. 1944.

Disease	Under 1 year	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—	60—	Total
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	2	3	18	10	4	4	1	1	—	43
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	6
Enteric Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	5
Other Diseases:													
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	4

CANCER.

In the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District the total number of deaths from Cancer is 34 (15 males and 19 females).

This as a percentage of total deaths represents 16.4 per cent. or 14 per cent. of male deaths and 20.2 per cent. of female deaths.

BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease or injury to the eyes.

TUBERCULOSIS.

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1944: 15.

PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1925.

No occasion has arisen during the year to deal with any tubercular employee in the Milk Trade.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 — SECTION 172.

No cases were removed to Hospital under this Section.

I have the honour to be,

Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COCHRANE,

M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

THE CLERK,

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Surveyor's and Sanitary Inspector's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944

COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

NEW STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

Total number of Plans approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
" " " disapproved	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Plans approved for New Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " " other buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Other Buildings completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Drains laid to above	...	...	...	...	...	yds.	198
Gullies laid to above	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Vent Shafts	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspection Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ashbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Intercepting traps	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, ETC.

Houses Inspected (Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Informal Notices served by Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Statutory Notices served by Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
House roofs renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Rainwater gutters repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Walls pointed or plastered	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Range and fixtures repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Houses connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
New drains laid	...	...	...	...	...	yds.	184
Gullies fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
New vent shafts fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Inspection chambers built	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Water closet cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Down spouts disconnected, renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Blocked drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Privies abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
New water closets fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
New dustbins fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulations of manure and filth removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water samples submitted for analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Other nuisances or repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses Disinfected:							
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Public Schools Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Cowsheds cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

SALVAGE DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR:

	T.	C.	Q.	lbs.
Waste Paper		49	6	2
Cullet		6	9	—
Rags		4	14	1
Bones		3	8	2
Rubber		1	4	2
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TOTAL		65	2	3
VALUE		£421	1s.	0d.
Jam Jars, 1 lb.			552 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz.	
„ „ 2 lbs.			52 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz.	
Bottles			46 $\frac{1}{4}$ doz.	
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TOTAL			651 $\frac{1}{4}$ doz.	
VALUE			£48	2s. 7d.
TOTAL VALUE			£469	3s. 7d.

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION:

321 lbs. Flour.
40 tins of Tinned Fish.
178 lbs. Tinned Meat.
72 tins of Milk.
11 lbs. Fruit.
6 lbs. Cheese.
159 lbs. Meat.

T. DINSDALE,

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH R.D.C.

SANITARY DISTRICT, 1944

NAME OF INSPECTOR: E. N. PEARSON

AREA OF DISTRICT: 23,893 acres.

ESTIMATED NO. OF HOUSES: 1,304.

	No. of Inspections made by San. Insp.	No. of Notices Served Informal. Legal.	No. of Nuisances abated with or without Notice.	
CLOSETS AND ASHPITS.				
Defective Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits	34	26	—	26
(not for conversion)				
Conversion—Privies to W.C.'s ...	—	—	—	—
„ —Pail Closets to W.C.'s ...	10	—	—	10
„ —Privies to Pail Closets ...	8	11	4	8
Defective Water Closets	1	—	—	1
Provision of additional W.C.'s ...	2	—	—	2
„ „ portable bins	28	30	4	28
Dirty Closets	11	1	—	2

DRAINAGE.

No disconnection of waste pipes ...	2	—	—	1
Defective wastepipe, traps and inlets ...	5	3	—	1
„ drains	4	—	—	3
Drains obstructed	14	6	—	16

OTHER DEFECTS.

Paving of courts and yards	3	3	—	—
Roofs, eaves and downspouts	7	9	—	7
Sinks	2	1	—	1
Insufficient ventilation	3	—	—	1
Windows	2	1	—	1
Dampness	10	1	—	2
Water in cellars	9	3	—	1
Water supply	19	4	—	4
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Foul condition of houses	5	1	—	1
Offensive accumulations	4	1	—	1
Pigsties	1	—	—	—
Smoke nuisances	3	2	—	2
Urinals	1	—	—	—
Scabies	4	—	—	—
Rats	8	—	—	—
Fish Fryers	5	3	—	—
TOTALS ...	205	106	8	119

					No. of Inspections made by San. Insp.	No. of Notices Served Informal. Legal.		No. of Nuisances abated with or without Notice.	
Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops					...	76	8	—	8
Bakehouses					...	8	4	—	3
Slaughterhouses					...	6	—	—	—
Offensive Trades					...	—	—	—	—
Common Lodging Houses					...	—	—	—	—
TOTALS					...	90	12	—	11

(Signed) E. N. PEARSON.



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